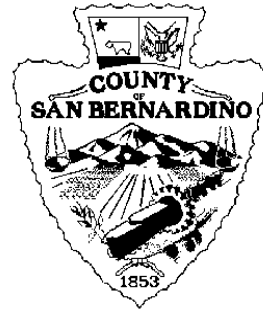


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SUPERVISORS APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

SAN BERNARDINO -- The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocating the County's \$9,759,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Of this amount, \$7,158,400 will be divided to fund community projects and services among the County's five Supervisorial districts. Of that amount, \$1,349,000 is allocated for the First Supervisorial District.

First District funds will be spent on facilities and public service programs throughout the unincorporated communities as well as the Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Needles and Twentynine Palms. The cities of Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville administer separate CDBG programs because of the size of their respective populations.

Funded activities are identified through a public application and hearing process and are prioritized by each County Supervisor's Office and ultimately by the Board of Supervisors. After a 30-day public-comment period, the plan will be submitted in final form to HUD. The grant funding will become available after July 1, 2003.

San Bernardino County has received an average of \$7.8 million in Block Grant funding each year for more than a quarter century to revitalize neighborhoods, fund public services, repair and preserve housing and provide jobs to low- and moderate-income households, senior citizens and the physically or developmentally challenged.

The Community Development Block Grant program was established by passage of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The law consolidated several categorical programs into one program serving 116 urban counties nationwide and administered at the local level by counties and cities.

"The CDBG program is very important, particularly to under-served and rural areas

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within my district,” said First District Supervisor Bill Postmus. “I look forward every year to seeing all of the worthwhile community programs and projects that deserve funding—I only wish we could fund more of them.”

Following is a summary of First District projects and programs approved for CDBG funding by the Board of Supervisors today:

Construction projects

Community Centers (6)

Oro Grande	\$ 50,000
Lucerne Valley (2)	\$ 36,000
Trona	\$ 20,000
Havasu	\$ 20,000
Newberry	\$ 14,000
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Subtotal	\$140,000

Fire Stations (7)

East Desert	\$ 50,000
Needles	\$ 35,000
Other	\$ 35,000
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Subtotal	\$120,000

Programs and Services

Youth Counseling (7)	\$100,000
Senior Nutrition (5)	\$ 75,000
Youth Sports (5)	\$ 75,000

Detail on Construction Projects

Parking Lot Improvements at Lucerne Valley Domestic Violence Shelter	\$ 10,000
Havasu Lake Senior Center Parking Lot Improvements, Havasu Landing	\$ 20,000
Re-roofing of Desert Sanctuary Domestic Violence Offices, Barstow	\$ 10,000
Yermo Sports Park Softball Backstop and Fencing	\$ 22,000
Re-roofing of Oasis Counseling Center Buildings and Garage, Barstow	\$ 20,000
Newberry Springs Senior Center Automatic Door Installation	\$ 14,000
Jasper Park Restroom and Kitchen Facility Improvements, Lenwood	\$ 10,000
Needles Fire Station Structure Stabilization and Commercial Carport	\$ 35,000
29 Palms Library Improvements to Entrance and Restroom	\$ 18,000
Theater 29 Facility Renovation, Twentynine Palms	\$ 15,000
Replacement of Existing Ballfield Lights, Luckie Park, Twentynine Palms	\$ 15,000

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Installation of New Pool Lights - Luckie Park, Twentynine Palms	\$ 10,000
Additional Funds for Lucerne Senior Center Parking Lot Lighting	\$ 15,000
Emergency Supplies Storage Container, Pioneer Park, Lucerne Valley	\$ 5,000
ADA-Compliant Sidewalk Improvements at Wrightwood Park	\$ 12,000
Rehabilitation of Fire Station #4 Exterior, Helendale	\$ 5,000
Installation of Security Fencing at Fire Station #321, Adelanto	\$ 6,000
Breathing Bottle Refill Equipment for Lucerne Valley Fire Station #111	\$ 18,000
Four 800 Mhz Radios for Parker Dam, Big River, Havasu, Needles Fire	\$ 20,000
Two sets Rescue Equipment - County Fire, Big River and Needles	\$ 13,000
Two additional ADA Compliant Restrooms at Wonder Valley Fire Station	\$ 17,000
Lucerne Valley Community Center Roof Replacement	\$ 22,000
Oro Grande Community Center Kitchen Rehabilitation	\$ 50,000

Detail on Programs and Services

Continuation of At-Risk Youth Services - Barstow Activities League	\$ 2,500
Continuation of Hi-Desert Meals on Wheels for Seniors	\$ 15,000
Community Cleanup, Barstow Youth Accountability Board	\$ 3,000
Mobile Children's Dental Service Program, Victor Valley Dental Services	\$ 10,000
Mentoring Services for At-Risk Youth – One-2-One Mentors	\$ 8,000
Morongo Basin Unity Home Domestic Violence Shelter Services	\$ 5,000
Victor Valley Domestic Violence Shelter Services	\$ 5,000
Gang Reduction Intervention Team (GRIT) Gang Intervention	\$ 2,000
High Desert Homeless Services, Victor Valley	\$ 10,000
Expansion of At-Risk Youth Program - High Desert Youth Center	\$ 15,000
Recreational, Sports, Health and Fitness Programs - YMCA of Phelan	\$ 5,000
Housing and Family Services, Moses House Ministries, Victor Valley	\$ 10,000
Single Family Assistance - American Red Cross High Desert Chapter	\$ 5,000
Mental Health Counseling - Oasis Counseling Centers, Barstow	\$ 15,000
Youth Drug Prevention and Intervention Services - WestCare, Needles	\$ 10,000
Big River Senior Center Meals to Seniors - Bonnie Baker Seniors/DAAS	\$ 5,000
Continuation of Literacy Education at Lucerne Valley Branch Library	\$ 2,000
Hinkley Senior Center Meals Program – DAAS	\$ 5,000
Senior/Handicapped Transportation - Reach Out 29, Twentynine Palms	\$ 5,000
Pregnancy Crisis Counseling and Outreach - Barstow Pregnancy Center	\$ 5,000
Senior Services - Trona Community Senior Center Operations	\$ 20,000
Continuation of Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice Services, Barstow	\$ 2,000
"Connections" Outreach for Homeless - New Hope Village, Barstow	\$ 3,000
At-Risk Youth Counseling - Choices Program, Twentynine Palms	\$ 3,000
Outreach Program - High Desert Domestic Violence, Victorville	\$ 5,000
CPR Training for Seniors/Low-Moderate-Income - Apple Valley Fire	\$ 4,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program, Phelan Senior Center	\$ 13,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program, Pinon Hills Senior Center	\$ 13,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program, Wrightwood Senior Center	\$ 13,000
Senior Outreach/Nutrition Program, El Mirage Community Center	\$ 13,000
First District Land Acquisition	\$ 55,500

First District Unincorporated Subtotal:	\$ 669,000
First District Incorporated Subtotal:	\$ 680,000
First District Total Available:	<u>\$1,349,000</u>